




## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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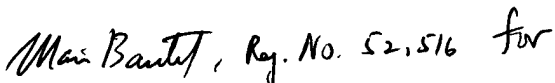
  
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This is responsive to the restriction requirement dated February 17, 2006. In response to the examiner's restriction, Applicants hereby elect the claims identified as Group II, including claims 40-48, 76 and 77.

Any questions regarding this matter may be directed to the undersigned. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due for the filing of this paper to the Applicants' Attorneys' Deposit Account 02-3038.

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